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E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: MBFR: MEASURES FOR THE FLANKS

REF: STATE 193303

1. TURKISH, GREEK AND NORWEGIAN REPS DURING OCTOBER 1-2 SPC DISCUSSIONS FIRMLY REJECTED KASTL'S PROPOSED FORMULATION FOR OLD PARAGRAPH 12 BIS (REFTEL). THEY ARGUED THAT THIS FORMULATION AVOIDED A COMMITMENT TO HAVE MEASURES PREPARED FOR USE IF NECESSARY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. REP ARGUED UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT IF THESE MEASURES WERE INTENDED ONLY FOR CONTINGENCY USE IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSALS, SOME PHRASE SUCH AS "IF NECESSARY" SHOULD BE ADDED TO TEXT.

2. AT HIS REQUEST, AMBASSADOR ERALP CALLED ON AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD FOLLOWING OCTOBER 2 SPC DISCUSSION IN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON HIS PARAGRAPH. ERALP MADE POINT THAT ANKARA WISHES TO HAVE AGREED MEASURES AVAILABLE AS A RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE SOVIET MOVES. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SAID HE WOULD SEE IF WASHINGTON COULD ACCEPT THIS APPROACH AND THOUGHT IF IT COULD BE MADE CLEAR IN TEXT WASHINGTON MIGHT AGREE. ERALP  
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EVENTUALLY AGREED TO ADD A PHRASE AS FOLLOWS: "AND THE NEED TO RESPOND TO PROPOSALS FROM THE OTHER SIDE". REVISED LEAD-IN PARAGRAPH WOULD THUS READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A REDUCTION AGREEMENT IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND TO ELIMINATE OR MITIGATE ANY INCREASE IN THE THREAT TO THE FLANKS AS A RESULT OF MBFR IN THE CENTRAL REGION, CERTAIN PROVISIONS DESIGNED FOR USE WITH THE OTHER SIDE AT A TIME TO BE FIXED IN THE LIGHT OF THE TACTICAL NEGOTIATING SITUATION AND THE NEED TO RESPOND TO PROPOSALS FROM THE OTHER SIDE SHOULD BE URGENTLY STUDIED AND AGREED UPON WITH THE ALLIANCE, SUCH AS:"

3. COMMENT: TURKS INFORMED US LATER THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET GREEK AND NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR THIS POSSIBLE REVISION, BUT ARE REFERRING IT TO ANKARA IN ANY CASE IN THE HOPE THAT GREECE AND NORWAY WILL EVENTUALLY CONCUR. MISSION WOULD LIKE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, BY OCTOBER 3, ON FORMULATION SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADORS RUMSFELD AND ERALP.  
RUMSFELD

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